

WOODBURY

Elsworth Bates Tells of Life at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas.

Elsworth N. Bates, who is at Kelly Field, No. 1, Line 118, San Antonio, Tex., wrote this to his mother March 30:

"I have been going to write to you every day since I have been here, but I have kept putting it off until now. Everything is going finely with me so far and guess it will keep on going the same way. All the matter with me is, I haven't heard from home since I left, and that seems quite a while ago. I have written you quite a few cards on the way down. I dropped about five each for you and Mildred, but I don't know whether you have received any of them or not.

"How is everything going on up there? I have been away from home since March 1 and I don't know if any of you are alive or not. Of course it takes quite a while for a letter to reach a fellow when he first goes into the army, as they move the fellows around so much, but I expect when my mail reaches me it will come all in a heap.

"It is terribly hot and dusty here. It rained the other night, say five nights before I am writing, and when we went out you ought to have seen how thick the mud was on our shoes. It would stick until it got about two or three inches thick, and then we would have to stop and kick it off.

"You would laugh to see the way we eat down here. The food is cooked out in the open and they have a bench where the food is put on after it is cooked. Three times a day each line lines up and walks by the bench and each soldier holds out his plate and the food is put on and he walks along and gets out of the way. Then they don't care whether you stand and eat or sit down. Most of us sit down.

"There are roads and streets off from them, and there are from 40 to 50 tents on a line and eight men in each tent. Out of my wages there won't be much coming to me, as there is \$15 a month taken out for Mildred, \$7.50 for insurance. I took out \$10.00 insurance, one-half for Mildred and the other half for you. But to tell the truth, I don't believe either one of you will get a chance to collect it, as there isn't a chance of getting hurt.

"Sometimes I am sorry that I took out an insurance, as I need some money and what I have left is small. But if I get hurt and hadn't taken one out, I would then be sorry, as the government pays \$52 a month if you get hurt. Well, I am soon to be moved to No. 67 Aero Squadron, Brookfield, San Antonio, Tex. Send my next mail to that address."

Mrs. Gertrude Jones of Rockland, Me., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Bert Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Mae Drennan of St. Albans were guests Sunday of Mr. Drennan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Drennan.

Rev. N. M. Shaw left last Saturday for Greensboro, where he is to preach the coming year.

Harold Ross of Portsmouth, N. H., is in town for a few days' stay.

Harry Gallup has purchased a farm in Marshfield and has moved his family there.

Charles Carson returned Thursday to the Soldiers' home in Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baldwin and daughter, Jettie, of Barre, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thomas.

Judge C. H. Dana has completed his duties at Montpelier and has returned home.

Mrs. Anna Ross, who has been quite seriously ill, is convalescing.

W. C. Peck visited Mrs. S. Sablin in South Woodbury Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Merriam and Mrs. C. W. Ward of Elmore were guests on Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Morse.

Miss Alice Hannigan returned the first of the week from her work in Winoski.

Mrs. Glenn Parker and son, Silas, are guests of relatives in Fayston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hannigan and family motored to Burlington Sunday.

Carl Thomas motored to Waterbury Sunday.

PLAINFIELD

Mech. A. R. Bolles' Made About 24 Miles a Day Marching.

Mech. A. R. Bolles, 101st Amm. Train, writes thus to his father, George Bolles:

April 17, 1918. Somewhere in France.

Dear Father: Received brother Charles' letter last night. Was sure glad. The picture looks just like him and I wish I could only see the room it was taken in. I am in the best of health and as fat as a pig. Never was in so good health in my life.

Tell Charles I can't send him any seeds, for we are miles from any place where we can buy anything, and the mud is knee deep. Never saw so much in my life, and it rains every day.

We had a good trip up where we are now; came through some of the best country I ever saw. Was three days on the road, made about 24 miles a day. It sure was a hard trip. We are carrying ammunition to the front, it is all night work, but it is better than being in trench.

I saw Allen Nixon the other day. He was going back to the trenches. He looks fine.

It is lots of fun to watch the star shells at night. They light the sky for a long way. It is just one roar all night where we are now, and have got some of the worst horses I ever saw.

Tell Myrt I will write her as soon as I get time. Joe.

WEST TOPSHAM

Miss Eula Poole has finished work for Mrs. R. C. Mills and is now visiting in Orange, Barre and Montpelier.

Mrs. Roy Hood has returned to her home in Andover, Mass.

May 12, Mothers' day will be observed at the church. There will be special singing and a good sermon by Rev. Merrier. Let everyone come and wear a white flower in honor of mother.

Mrs. Carrie Bagley and Miss Susie Bagley were at Dr. J. A. Dow's in East Orange May 3.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hight are riding around in a new closed Ford car.

Mrs. Anna Dickerman is working in Corinth for Mrs. Sumner.

Walter Bixby of East Barre was in town Thursday night.

Corporal Ralph Burgin of Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., was home on a 30-hour furlough Saturday and Sunday.

WATERBURY

Mother's day will be observed by the two churches in the Congregational church Sunday morning, with sermon by the pastor, Rev. V. L. Smith. Music appropriate to the day will be rendered by the choir.

Services at St. Andrew's as usual. Rev. Robert Devey, rector.

Numbers from here attended the war convention in Montpelier yesterday.

Mrs. Herbert Huntley, Miss Florence Huntley and Miss Helen Tye of Waterbury are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Irish.

SOUTH RYEGATE

John McLean, who has been spending the winter in Canada, visited his sister, Mrs. M. F. McDonald, a few days this week.

William E. Bailey has so far recovered from the effects of the paralytic shock sustained last March that he is able to come to the village. His many friends are glad to see him on South Ryegate streets once more.

Dr. G. W. Darling had the misfortune to break his right arm just above the wrist while cranking his automobile on Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Darling has a large practice throughout this section and his services will be sadly missed, though fortunately his counsel will still be available.

Miss Margaret Gibson, the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Gibson, who live near Boltonville, is ill with pneumonia and under the care of a trained nurse.

Burton, Clarence and Robert Brown attended the commencement exercises of the state agricultural school at Randolph Center last week, the former two being graduates of the institution.

Lewis Smith has sold his farm to M. H. Gibson and will move his family to the home of O. E. Boardway.

Newell Randall of North Haverhill, N. H., spent Wednesday at Mrs. N. M. McAllister's.

Clive Bailey of West Newbury is visiting his mother, Mrs. Lydia Bailey, this week. He expects to start soon for Arizona.

Miss Cecile Brock spent Sunday at North Thetford with Mrs. Charlotte Lord.

Miss Mamie Rouhan has been laid up this past week with a serious sore throat.

Her sister, Mrs. Carroll Ricker of Groton, has been substitute teacher in the intermediate room part of the time and the rest of the time Miss Gladys Lincoln, the primary teacher, has taught for Miss Rouhan, while Mrs. J. F. Beaton took charge of the primary room.

Mrs. Tellis Cole returned Monday from a visit to Littleton, N. H. The many friends of her father, Rev. E. C. Langford, are sorry to hear that he is not gaining very rapidly in health.

Mrs. Mattie Clough went Thursday to Barre to superintend the removal of her furniture to South Ryegate.

Mrs. P. M. Beckley was among the large number from here who greeted the Xellie Gill Players on their first appearance at Groton Monday evening.

Coming down the stairs from the opera house, she received a push from the crowd behind sufficient to upset her balance and she fell down the stairs. She was quite seriously injured and is now confined to her bed. It is feared she will be obliged to go to the hospital.

Mrs. M. F. Sargent is now able to sit up most of the day, and her many friends hope that she will soon be well again.

Rev. D. M. McKinlay was elected delegate from the C. E. society of the U. P. church and Mrs. William Terry and Miss Abbie Corruhn were elected delegates from the C. E. society of the Presbyterian church to the C. E. convention of the sixth local union, which was held Saturday at Melndoe Falls.

The boys and girls belonging to the grammar room of the village school held a very enjoyable party at the school building Tuesday evening, the girls furnishing refreshments.

F. J. Tewksbury is building a storehouse for the Pike Hill Copper company at Bradford. Fred Doe and Gerald Smith are working for him and are boarding at Harry Renfrew's in Bradford while on the job.

Gust. Rabaioli has purchased a Ford five-passenger car.

Dr. G. W. Darling went to Montpelier Friday to have an X-ray photo made of his wrist, recently fractured.

Mrs. Mabel Terry and Everett Peaslee of Bath, Me., were married at the manse, Ryegate, on Friday morning, by Rev. L. H. Simpson in the presence of the mother of the bride and one or two friends. Mr. and Mrs. Peaslee left the same day for their future home in Bath, Me.

Mrs. Jeanie Beaton went to Boston Friday afternoon to attend the funeral of Michael O'Donnell, her nephew, who died from the effects of an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex T. Beaton went to East Roxbury Friday to spend the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Beaton accompanied them as far as Barre, where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Ord.

Will Austria Make an Offensive?

Italy will hardly be lulled into a sense of security by reports that Austrian soldiers are being given furloughs for their spring planting because it is a slack time at the front. It is true that the mountain passes do not open till May, and the offensive, if one is planned, may not be due until then, but it would not be safe to count on this delay. Yet while an Austrian offensive against Italy, the risk of which was the immediate reason for the "single front," must of course be carefully guarded against because of the strategic weakness of the Italian frontier, there is room for considerable doubt as to how effective an Austrian offensive would be.

Last year Germany was able to contribute a strong auxiliary force, and the morale of the Italian army was low—in no small degree because the nation, as a whole, had no sympathy with the war aims of the nationalists. Now Italy is thrown upon the defensive, and while its economic condition may be bad, its heart is much more in the struggle to repel the invader.

In Austria-Hungary, on the contrary, conditions are much more what they were in Italy last year, with the added weakness of racial and national friction.

Not only do the people want peace, but a great part of them are bitterly opposed to fighting for Germany's now fully revealed schemes of aggression.

There was intense opposition to the invasion of the Ukraine, and it is quite possible that a new offensive in Italy would cause an explosion. Of late there have been marked symptoms of a rapprochement between the Italians and the south Slavs, and an increasing number of Austrians must find adequate reason for continuing what even Count Czernin in effect admits to be a war of conquest. Austria is a very weak spot just now, and the government may not dare after all to order a great offensive—Springfield Republican.

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WILLIAMSTOWN

Floyd E. Wilfore Says Y. M. C. A. is Like Home to Boys.

Private Floyd E. Wilfore's latest letter home bears testimony to the good which the Y. M. C. A. is accomplishing among the soldiers. It was written in France April 15, and is as follows:

"Will write just a short letter tonight to let you know that I am well. How are you? I haven't had a letter for quite a long time and am beginning to be rather anxious to hear from you.

"I am writing in the Y. M. C. A. and there are four or five fellows here playing mandoline. Gee, but the Y. M. C. A. is certainly great. I don't know what we fellows would do without it. I come here nearly every night, sometimes to write or read or there is always something here to pass the time away. They have quite a lot of good books and magazines, games and nearly every week there is an entertainment of some kind. It is the nearest thing to home that a fellow can find over here.

"This is all that I have to write tonight. Write as often as you can and let me know all the news. Letters from home are better than a fortune over here."

GROTON

Maxime, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hatch, has been ill for several days.

Mrs. Orrin Morrison who has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia, remains very ill.

Mrs. A. E. Chase has returned from Burlington, where she passed the winter, and will pass the summer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hutchins of Montpelier were guests at George Welch's the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Foster have vacated the tenement in the house of George H. Pillsbury. They have stored their household goods and are boarding at John T. Darling's for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Whitehead were visitors in Montpelier yesterday.

Mrs. Ed. Smith has received a letter from her son, Clyde Welch, somewhere in France, stating that he is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever in a hospital there. The letter, dated April 10, stated that he had the best of care and was making good recovery.

Mrs. Ellen Keefe and Mr. Estes of Barre were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Miller over Sunday.

The topic of the morning sermon at the Baptist church Sunday will be "Kadesh Barnea"; and at the evening service, "Destiny." The topic of the Junior Christian Endeavor will be "Africa Today." The country of "Big Things" will be Sunday is "Mothers' day" at the Methodist church, and everyone is requested to wear a white flower in honor of mother. The subject of the sermon by the pastor will be, "Divine Motherhood."

BETHEL

Miss Margaret Bartlett, who had been attending Bryant & Stratton's business college in Boston, some weeks ago accepted a position as private secretary to Mrs. George U. Crocker of that city, who is extensively interested in social service and war organizations. Miss Bartlett now has an engagement with four other girls of her acquaintance in Boston to work on a farm at Dedham, Mass., this season. The girls are to receive \$15 a month and board as compensation for the farm work.

Mrs. C. C. Dixon is again ill and is being cared for by Mrs. P. A. Chatfield.

Dr. and Mrs. O. V. Greene, Senator and Mrs. A. Lee Cady, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Clifford, W. C. Clifford, Mrs. Harry Emery, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Wyman, Jr., the Strimons' meeting at Montpelier Thursday evening.

The bursting of a fire pipe line on Main street near E. M. Weston's home necessitated the first serious break into the new pavement.

The June number of McCall's magazine, just issued, contains a two-page article entitled "Boy and the Great Adventure," by Major Robert Davis, official Red Cross inspector in France, who has often visited his uncle, Cashier E. A. Davis of this village. The article is illustrated with a dozen sketches by a French soldier artist. The same number also contains a portrait of the charming mother of Robert Davis also a frequent visitor here, and the full-page front cover illustration gets its motive from the Davis article.

A fierce wind and electrical storm struck this village about 5:30 yesterday afternoon. Telephone lines suffered seriously. Many trees and limbs were blown down, four lights of glass were broken in a window at F. L. Martin's and roads were badly washed.

The Spaulding high school second team from Barre will play the Whitcomb high school team in Bethel next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cushing, Miss Mary Cushing and her husband, John Noble, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wilson, Harold Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Clifford, W. C. Clifford, Jr., Teddy Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Chapman attended the war meeting at Montpelier yesterday.

BERLIN

The oversight of the Red Cross drive for the town of Berlin has been placed in the hands of Rev. Frank Blomfield, who will be assisted in West Berlin by Garry S. Kimball, and in the Barre road district by Miss C. Powell and Miss Hazel Benjamin.

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RANDOLPH

News has been received here of the marriage of Gladys Evelyn Slack, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Slack of Hilldale, Mich., to Charles Schmuck of Antwerp, Ohio. Miss Slack has been a successful teacher for the past three years in the schools of Ohio and Michigan. She was a graduate of the Hilldale, Mich., high school in the class of 1915, and also completed a course in the Bowling Green Normal school. Professor Schmuck is a former student of the university at Columbus, Ohio, and has held a position of instructor in literature and social science in Grover Hill, Ohio, which he recently resigned pending a call to military service. Mrs. Schmuck will remain with her parents while completing a course at the Hilldale college, after which she will accept a clerical position during the absence of her husband.

Mrs. L. D. Partridge has returned from Athol, Mass., where she was called to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Rhoda Emery. On her trip home she stopped off in Springfield, Mass., to visit brothers.

D. F. Gould is suffering very much from his fractured limb which he received while at work at the foundry the other day.

John F. Hobart, who for many years was agent at the station in this place and since that time has been at St. Albans and will at once assume his duties there.

A. J. Huse, who has for many years been janitor of Bethany church, has resigned and has been presented by the church committee a handsome easy chair in recognition of his services.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Terrie, who have been in Barre with their daughter, Mrs. E. L. Scott, for the winter, have returned home and their house has been opened for the summer.

Miss Florence Lyon has gone to Springfield to join the women war workers in the upper Jones & Lamson shop.

Miss Lottie Osha has finished her school this year and is now employed in the store of C. E. Stevens.

Mrs. Julia Udall is passing some time with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Preston, in Stratford.

John and Samuel Salls have purchased an A. B. Chandler his two Metz automobiles.

Miss Ellen Blossom, who has been in town on a visit to her mother, has returned to resume her teaching in Watertown, Mass.

Mrs. C. H. Sault and little daughter are in Rochester for two or three weeks' stay with Mr. and Mrs. Perkins.

Dr. H. W. Holden motored to Windsor Sunday and took his son, Howard, and Earl Church, to that place, and they began work in the machine shops there Monday morning. Both boys have been released from school for the remainder of the year and are to pass a part of their vacation, at least, there.

The Sanatorium Aid society held its quarterly meeting Friday at the home of Mrs. W. F. Edson. The work of the last three months was the financing of the free bed, which was occupied 26 days.

The present membership of the society is 143, and there are yet others solicited who will come into the society and join in the work. A membership committee with Miss Mildred Fuller as chairman will be glad to give any needed information and take the names of any who will join this society.

W. R. Chambers, the ice dealer, has been required to file a statement in regard to the increased cost of operating his business here to justify the proposed increase in price from 35 cents last year to 45 cents this year per hundred. He must await an investigation and an award before he can add to last year's price.

Society's Secret Service.

Irving Bacheller, the famous author and lecturer, says in the April American Magazine:

"There's a kind of secret service among men and women of which every one is a member. This secret service is constantly taking and comparing notes on the character of all individuals within the circumference of its observation. My young friend, do not be deceived. They know all about you. They look as intently at you as you look at them every time you are going and coming, even though you were covered by the darkness of the night. There are a thousand eyes and ears and the keenest wit in this great busy detective who lives in your neighborhood. He feels himself who thinks he can fool this all-seeing detective. Therefore it pays to be sincere and genuine—to be, in short, just what we are in public and private, in talk and action at home and abroad. The beginning of big game is absolute sincerity and something more. I would call it living the truth."

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NORTH MONTPELIER

Seven-Year-Old Earle Noble Caught 21-Inch Pickerel Weighing Two Pounds.

While Master Earle Noble was fishing Tuesday afternoon, he caught a pickerel 21 inches long that weighed two pounds. It was rather a large surprise for a small boy seven years old.

A special meeting was held at the home of Mrs. L. D. Coburn the first of the week to see about services here this summer. Rev. George Fortier of Rutland was present.

Mr. and Mrs. Buzzell and daughters, Misses Bertha and Katherine, with a friend, Miss Beal, from Montpelier, visited Bedford Buzzell Sunday.

Lewis Chandler is helping Walter Little in the finishing room.

Ralph Parker has finished work for Mrs. Lizzie Pray and is working on the cement job with Mr. Knight's men.

Mrs. Edgar Stoddard of Plainfield was in town Wednesday.

Hiram Martin of Fall River, Mass., is stopping at his brother's, Joe Martin.

Miss Sadie Curtis of East Montpelier is working for Mrs. Ralph Parker.

Miss Nancy Parker is spending a week at her home in East Calais.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Parker are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, born May 8.

Mrs. Lewis Williams and Miss Kate Thompson of Northfield Falls are weaving in the mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill and family and friend, Mrs. Silver, of Hardwick visited at G. L. Pray's Sunday.

Mrs. Blanche LaBrec of Plainfield visited friends in town Thursday.

Curtis Graves was a business visitor in Waterville Center over the week end.

GRANITEVILLE

A special meeting of Mystic circle, No. 985, will be held Monday evening, May 13. Business of importance. All members requested to be present. Per order financial secretary.

Public dance in gymnasium hall, May 11, Saturday. Ericson's orchestra—adv.

Friends of Miss Mary J. Morrison, daughter of Angus Morrison, will be interested to learn that she was recently offered a permanent position as day supervisor in the Ellis hospital, Schenectady, N. Y. She accepted the position and assumed her new duties May 1.

Miss Morrison graduated from Ellis hospital training school for nurses in the class of June, 1917, and for some time past acted as substitute during the absence of other supervising nurses.

BOSTON CLOSED TO SHIPPING. But Port Was Opened Again a Few Hours Later.

Boston, May 11.—The port of Boston was closed to all shipping by the naval authorities on orders from Washington yesterday, but was opened again a few hours later. No explanation was given.

MUCH RHEUMATISM

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